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ITEM NO: 4

DATE: 18 JULY 1974

SUBJECT: TURKEY APPARENTLY PREPARING TO LAUNCH AMPHIBIOUS
OPERATION FROM MERSIN AREA

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TURKISH FORCES APPARENTLY ARE IN THE PRELIMINARY PHASES OF
STAGING AN AMPHIBIOUS OPERATION, ACCORDING TO THE US ASSISTANT
NAVAL ATTACHE IN ANKARA. THE ATTACHE THIS MORNING OBSERVED
11 AMPHIBIOUS SHIPS IMMEDIATELY OFFSHORE FROM A LARGE STAGING
AREA, ABOUT 25 MILES WEST OF MERSIN IN THE VICINITY OF ERDEMLI.

THE BEACH WAS FILLED WITH ROLLING STOCK, EQUIPMENT, AND
SEVERAL HUNDRED TROOPS IN FULL COMBAT GEAR. THREE OF THE
AMPHIBIOUS SHIPS WERE AT THE EDGE OF THE BEACH AND WERE BEING
LOADED. FOUR AMPHIBIANS WERE BEING HELD SOME THREE HUNDRED YARDS

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OFFSHORE AND WERE FULLY LOADED WITH ROLLING STOCK AND EQUIPMENT.
THE OTHER AMPHIBIANS WERE STILL EMPTY. NO TROOPS WERE OBSERVED
ON THE SHIPS.

THE ATTACHE ESTIMATED THE UNIT BEING LOADED TO BE OF
REGIMENTAL SIZE. THE ATTACHE EXPRESSED A BELIEF THAT AN AMPHIBIOUS
OPERATION WOULD BE TAKING PLACE SHORTLY.

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